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## School steps up to help

### CCS Board approves donation to student fundraiser

**By JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

**T**he Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education began their meeting on Monday, March 7 by addressing a donation request.

Sarah Crowe-Sampson, a teacher's assistant at Cherokee Elementary School, had come to the meeting on behalf of one of her students.

Aniyah Sampson, a second grader at CCS, is traveling to Knoxville for cancer treatments. Crowe-Sampson said that their class started a fundraiser to assist with the costs of commuting and to ease the stress of the situation for the family.

"We've asked for nickels, dimes,

quarters, pennies, anything that we can get. My total before coming in here was 771 dollars and 66 cents that our kids raised. We're asking if you guys could do a one-time donation to her and her family to try and alleviate some of that frustration and pain. We'd greatly appreciate it," said Crowe-Sampson.

She said that they have been calculating the donations as a class for a mathematics lesson as well.

The Board voted unanimously to exercise their option to make a one-time 250-dollar donation. This is the maximum that the Board is allowed to provide to individuals.

The majority of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing policy changes for CCS.

Policy 7100, Recruitment and Selection of Personnel, was brought back to the Board follow-

see **DONATION** next page



Aniyah Sampson, a second grader at Cherokee Elementary School, is traveling to Knoxville for cancer treatments. (Photo courtesy of Sampson family)



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**DONATION:** CCS School Board helps with fundraiser for student, *from front page*

ing comments provided by their attorney. The point of debate for this policy was highlighted by Tribal Council Rep. T.W. Saunooke.

Policy 7100 directs the school to follow the procedure in the Cherokee Code on matters concerning recruitment and selection. Rep. Saunooke said that he felt this was inefficient and could lead to issues down the line. He suggested to directly state the protocol in the policy itself. He said that this was because the code is amended by the Tribe, not the school. This could lead to inconsistency of understanding in the future.

The Board tabled the changes to Policy 7100 to work on these issues. Similarly, changes to Policy 7040, Hiring of Staff, were also tabled to resolve wording.

The next topic of discussion surrounding an updated job description for the facilities director. The sticking point was the pay structure for the job. Before amendment, there was a pay difference for the position depending on education level.

Rep. Saunooke and several board members did not support that an individual could be paid less for a job, regardless of experience. The solution was posed by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson, who said that the job description could be amended to remove the wording of 'preferred qualifications' and require a bachelor's degree and/or eight-plus years of experience.

The Board made a motion for this amendment, and the new job description passed.

There was another edited job description, this one for special education support specialists. Human Resources Director Heather Driver said this was a requested change that would reduce the contracted length of the position from 12 months to 10 months. The Board passed the change unanimously.

During the meeting, the Board had questions about several items on the consent agenda. Four of the seven items

were pulled to answer questions in closed session. The amended agenda with the remaining three were passed, putting forth the following:

- James Viar approved as a child nutrition assistant.
- Natasha Maney approved as a food service worker.
- Alisha Rhinehart approved as a food service worker.

The Board moved into a closed session for thirteen minutes to discuss the four pulled items. Immediately after the closed session, the Board voted and passed three of these resolutions.

- Riley Crowe approved as a volunteer chaperon for the London/Paris/Barcelona trip.
- Ellen Crowe approved as a volunteer chaperon for the London/Paris/Barcelona trip.
- Felicia Owle approved as a volunteer for the JROTC Summer Camp

Brandy Sequoyah was also in the consent agenda to be approved as a volunteer chaperon for the London/Paris/Barcelona trip. However, there was no motion to approve this resolution and the item died on the floor. This resolution was not discussed further.

The Monday, March 7 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Coooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Berdie Toineeta and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; Tribal Council Alternate Rep. T.W. Saunooke; HR Director Heather Driver; and Administrative Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is set for Thursday, March 24 at 4:45 p.m. and will be in the presence of their attorney. Meetings are currently being held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center located at Cherokee Middle School. These sessions are open to the public unless the Board formally moves into a closed session.



# Upgrades coming along to Cherokee Cablevision infrastructure

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

BalsamWest took over operations of Cherokee Cablevision in December 2021 and has been working to upgrade the system. Those improvements are coming along, but there is still a lot of work to be done says Jason Maples, BalsamWest vice president of sales and marketing.

“I think the overarching theme on this is I know a lot of folks aren’t necessarily seeing progress, but it’s kind of like a river that looks still but underneath it’s moving - it’s hard to see,” said Maples. “But, there is steady progress on both fronts.”

He said the project has been challenging. “We have a very old

system that we’re trying to clean up, so to speak. We’re like the little Dutch boy with the dam, running around plugging holes, fixing sections.”

Maples said there isn’t a hard timeline for the improvements to be finished. “However, you’ll see steady, incremental progress throughout the rest of this year to get the Cablevision plant up to snuff. And by up to snuff I mean improved video speeds, improved internet quality, and expanded area coverage.”

He added, “There are some sections of that cable plant that, because of the age of the system, you just can’t get an internet signal any further. Even though the cable system goes out further, there are video-only customers, so to

speak. So, that gives you a sense of the challenge. With this series of upgrades, not only are we going to offer better products, but we’re going to offer expanded coverage.”

Fiber has been ordered for the first two places on the fiber project. “Within a couple of years, you may have 5 gig service. But, out of the gate, we will probably stop at one gig. The system will be capable of going multi-gig.”

According to information from BalsamWest, “Once residents are on the fiber internet, if residents have adequate battery back-ups, the internet will still work even if the power goes out.”

A total of five electronic “fiber huts” will be located around the Qualla Boundary with three already being selected including the Yellowhill Activity Center, Tribal Bingo, and the Birdtown Gym.

“The fiber hut is a field network operations center – an on-ramp and an off-ramp to the larger regional network of BalsamWest which connects to the internet,” said Maples.

He said that everyone at BalsamWest is committed to improving the system. “I realize that residents and enrolled members have had to deal with less than stellar or optimal service in the past, and I realize that there’s a lot of frustration and anger. This is a monster project – two monsters, the existing system and the new system. There’s a lot to do to get it where it needs to be. We don’t have the luxury of just shutting everything down and starting it from scratch. It’s like of like changing a

tire on a moving car.”

Maples continued, “I know the entire community has a ton of questions and a ton of frustrations. Frankly, we’re in a digital world and COVID just amplified that many times over. I truly understand the frustration. The Cablevision Board and the EBCI government is all behind this and we’re doing everything we can to make this happen. It’s just not a quick process. It can be a little tricky in the timing of it. But, incremental progress is being made every day.”

He said as the project progresses, BalsamWest will be able to announce more of a timeline on the improvements. “Right now, we’re just trying to plug the worst holes as we start looking forward to building the fiber and improving the existing network. There will be improvements. It’s just going to take us the balance of this year to really have it noticeable by a lot of people.”

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians became 100 percent owners of Cherokee Cablevision in November 2020. A feasibility study on the issue was completed by R TECH GROUP, from Cumming, Ga., in June 2018. According to the feasibility study, “There would be a very compelling benefit for the EBCI Fiber cable plant to be combined with the Cablevision Fiber routes and develop a larger-scale fiber cable network and establish opportunity to pass 6,400 member’s homes, providing services to a large percentage of EBCI members.”



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**Sunday, March 20 marks the first day of Spring.**

# Council to hold hearing regarding denied candidacy in 2019 election

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

**T**ribal Council will soon hold a hearing regarding a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who was denied candidacy for tribal office. Mary “Missy” Crowe, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, was denied candidacy for the Office of Principal Chief during the 2019 tribal election cycle.

Crowe submitted Res. No. 192 (2022), which was passed by Tribal Council during their regular session on Thursday, March 3, which calls for the hearing “for evidence

to be presented and an inquiry and investigation as to the names of the individual/individuals who initiated the investigation to deny my candidacy for Principal Chief in the 2019 Tribal Election and an inquiry and investigation as to who authored the official letter from the EBCI Board of Elections dated May 3, 2019 stating that I was not entitled to know”.

During discussion on the legislation on Thursday, Crowe stated, “These are issues that came from 2019. And, while I would have loved to have taken care of those things in 2019 after the elections, I was threatened with eviction from

my home.”

She added, “I am an individual citizen of this Eastern Band of Cherokee, and I have an inherent right to participate in tribal activities and tribal affairs. I have exercised my right, beginning in 2003 – was a candidate, was certified...I’ve exercised my rights according to those laws and the actions that I took during those elections have always been according to those laws.”

Crowe reminded Council that she filed protests on elections in 2003 and 2015 and noted, “You guys have a right to amend the laws. You guys have a right to en-

force those laws. I have evidence and proof that I am an example of what can happen to you as long as the threats, the intimidation, the manipulation, and the downright violation of our rights. If they continue to happen, then no one is going to be treated fair and equal.”

The denial of candidacy was based on language in Cherokee Code Section 161-3(d)(5), passed by Council in December 2018, which stated, “The person is more than ninety (90) days in default of an obligation to pay a debt to the Tribe, which obligation is imposed by law, contract, or court order and the default has not been



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cured.” This language was in place during the 2019 tribal election cycle but was removed with Ord. No. 149 passed on Sept. 17, 2020.

After filing, Crowe received a letter in April 2019 denying her candidacy based on this law with the EBCI Board of Elections alleging that she owed money to Qualla Housing. According to the resolution, “On April 3, 2019, I filed an official request for a hearing with the EBCI Board of Elections and their decision to deny certification of my candidacy for Principal Chief, and I requested information as to the name(s) of the individual/individuals who initiated the investigation to deny certification of my candidacy, and on May 3, 2019, I received an official letter from the EBCI Board of Elections stating that ‘I was not entitled to know’ the names...”

Crowe told Council on Thursday, “According to law, I have a right to face my accusers, and I also have a right to defend myself, and I was never given that right.”

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, noted, “If I remember correctly, Tribal Council met in 2018 and ’19 and they changed the election law. And, they put things in there that would prohibit certain individuals, which happen to be women, from running. And then, immediately after they accomplished what they wanted to, they changed it back.”

She went on to state, “We don’t have a constitution. We are a motherless Tribe. We have a Charter that tells us how long a Council member sits and when you elect a Chief, but it doesn’t say anything about anything. I think the problem that we have here at the table and in the Chief’s Office

is the lack of knowledge on exactly what our sovereignty is because everyone at this table can be sued, and everyone in the audience can be sued. And, then we leave it up to the Court to finish up that process.”

Rep. McCoy was also originally denied candidacy for the Office of Principal Chief in the 2019 election but won a Cherokee Supreme Court case and was put on the ballot. She has the same claim as Crowe regarding the investigation against her. “She has not been allowed to see her background (check). None of us have.”

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke made a motion to pass Crowe’s legislation saying, “She deserves to have a hearing, and that’s what this body needs to do.”

A portion of the resolution submitted by Crowe involved the return of filing fees for various tribal elections totaling \$2,750. Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe said he felt that the return of the filing fees and the call for an investigation were two separate items. He made the motion to strike the portion of the legislation dealing with the return of filing fees. Crowe concurred, and Council amended the resolution striking that portion.

Denise Ballard, EBCI Board of Elections member from the Birdtown Community, addressed Council stating, “You all gave us the authority to investigate. You gave the Board of Elections the right to investigate potential candidates. We do background checks. And, yes, we sent something to Qualla Housing...that’s what the ordinance said at that time. That’s what we did. We followed the ordinance.”

She said the Board followed the law that was in place at the

time. “We followed the procedures. We granted hearings, and at the end of all of the hearings and the information that we gathered, nothing in Missy’s hearing made any impact on our decision.”

Crowe responded, “There’s a right to investigate, but there’s not a right to violate my privacy and my rights. They had my entire Homebuyer’s Contract. They had a whole payment history kicked out. That’s private information.”

Vice Chairman Albert Rose commented, “When we worked on the Election Ordinance that year, some of the people in this room were present for every one of those meetings and agreed that when we finished that document that you got more than what you wanted. So, we didn’t put anything in there to intentionally hurt anyone...they (Election Board) asked for the information and Qualla Housing sent it over so should Qualla Housing be held accountable for sending stuff over? I don’t know; I guess that’s the questions I’ve got.”

The legislation passed 10-2 with Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown and Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle being the two dissenting votes. Chairman Richard French said he will set up a hearing soon.

## MISSING PERSON

### Ashley Mariah Loring-HeavyRunner

Female Enrolled with Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of MT  
Missing age: 20 Current age: 25

Height: 5’2” Weight: 90-105 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: June 5, 2017

Last Location: Browning, Montana

Circumstances of Disappearance: Ashley was last seen on Monday, June 5, 2017 in Browning, MT. She is missing from Tribal Land and is a resident on Tribal Land.

If you have seen Ashley Loring-HeavyRunner, contact Lt. Josh Bird, Blackfeet Tribal Law Enforcement Agency (406) 338-4000. Agency Case #17-060875. Also tips may be provided to the FBI or BIA at 1-833-2065, text to 847411 or email ojs\_mmu@bia.gov, to the attention of Agent Garrick DeClay.

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# Other tribes join EBCI in opposition to Congressional route for federal recognition

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Several other federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations have joined with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to oppose groups seeking federal recognition as an Indian tribe through Congressional means. A letter was sent to Sens. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) who serve as the chairperson and vice chairperson for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Monday, Feb. 28 that was signed by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and eight more tribal leaders.

The letter states, "...we respectfully request that you defer consideration of groups seeking federal acknowledgment to the Department of the Interior's Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA)."

The letter is signed by Chief Sneed; Chief Ben Barnes, Shawnee Tribe; Chief Cyrus Ben, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Chairwoman Lori Gooday Ware, Fort Sill Apache Tribe; President Deborah Dotson, Delaware Nation; Gov. Bill Anoatubby,

Chickasaw Nation; Assistant Chief Jeremy Johnson, Delaware Tribe of Indians; President Jeffrey Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Indian Community; and Chairwoman Margo Gray, United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

The letter went on to state, "Federally acknowledged tribes are sovereigns with significant governmental powers impacting both Indians and non-Indians, including the authority to tax, regulate activity within tribal territory, and take away personal freedoms through the exercise of criminal jurisdiction. Acknowledgment decisions should be made on merit and not politics."

As of now, a total of four bills have been introduced into Congress that would provide federal recognition to a group including:

- H.R. 2758 Lumbee Recognition Act; introduced on April 22, 2021; passed by House 357-59 on Nov. 1, 2021

- S. 3443 MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians Recognition Act; introduced on Jan. 5, 2022

- H.R. 1942 Waccamaw Indian Acknowledgment Act; introduced on March 16, 2021; referred to the

House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on May 14, 2021

- H.R. 1943 Pee Dee Indian Acknowledgment Act; introduced on March 16, 2021; referred to the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on May 14, 2021

The tribal leaders state in the letter, "If the Congress enacts any of these bills, hundreds of other groups claiming to be tribes also will seek federal legislation to circumvent the OFA process."

For years, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have opposed federal recognition for the Lumbees. Multiple Principal Chiefs have testified in Washington, D.C. against their acknowledgement including Principal Chief Sneed. EBCI officials have questioned the heritage of the Lumbee who have formerly been called the Croatan Indians, the Indians of Robeson County, and the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

The current bill (H.R. 2758) for the Lumbees is an identical piece of legislation that was passed by the U.S. House of Representa-

tives on Nov. 16, 2020 and went on to die in the U.S. Senate. As with that legislation, if passed, H.R. 2758 would set the Lumbee tribal service area for those tribal members residing in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties in eastern North Carolina. The State of North Carolina would have jurisdiction over "all criminal offenses that are committed; and all civil actions that arise" within the tribal land base. The legislation states that the Lumbee Tribe could petition to take some jurisdiction over their lands after two years of the passage of the Act.

For years, the Lumbees were unable to go through the federal acknowledgment process due to an interpretation of the 1956 Lumbee Act. That changed with a 2016 memorandum from the Interior Department's Office of the Solicitor that paved the way for them to pursue federal acknowledgment through the Department petition process.

To date, none of the four groups mentioned above have submitted a petition for acknowledgment to go through that process.



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The Tribal ABC Store in Cherokee had a ribbon cutting on the afternoon of Thursday, March 10. Tribal officials were on-hand including, left to right, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, TABCC Chairman Pepper Taylor, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, and Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke. The store opened to the public on Friday, March 11 at 11 a.m. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



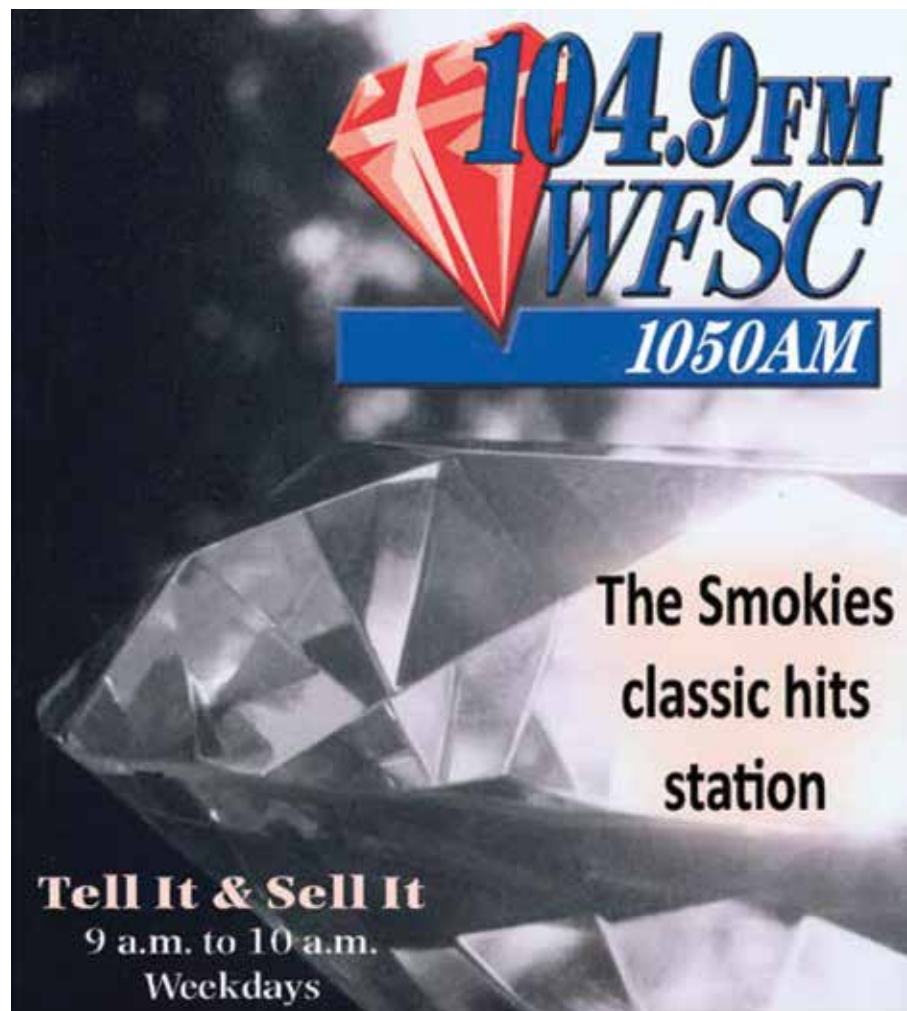
For more information on the store, read the One Feather article which appeared on the front page of the paper on Feb. 23 or read it online at: <https://theonefeather.com/2022/02/17/tribal-abc-store-to-open-in-choerokee/>



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- *CIPD release*

The Cherokee Indian Police Department's (CIPD) Community Action Team was conducting a license check at Goose Creek and Fischer Branch in the Birdtown Community on Monday, March

- Possession with the intent to sell, manufacture and/or deliver (methamphetamine)
- Violating a court order

- CIPD release

Shawn Standingdeer, 35, of Sylva, pleaded guilty Thursday, March 10 in Jackson County Superior Court to a total of six felony charges. The charges were consol-





idated to statutory rape of a child less than 15 years of age.

The teen gave birth in 2021. Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts sentenced Standingdeer to the state's mandatory-minimum sentence on each count for a total of 240 months to 348 months in prison.

DNA provided authorities with irrefutable evidence that Standingdeer was the father of the teen's baby. Judge Letts entered a no-contact order against Standingdeer, stipulating that he is forbidden to contact the teen.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Matheson prosecuted the case.  
- 43rd Prosecutorial District release

**CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 27 to March 6**

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.*

Driver Jr., Bobby Dean – age 36  
Arrested: Feb. 27  
Released: Feb. 27  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Simple Assault

Watty, Jason Adam – age 44  
Arrested: Feb. 27  
Released: Feb. 28  
Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor  
Bernhisel, Chad Lopez – age 34  
Arrested: Feb. 28  
Released: March 1  
Charges: Larceny

Bird, Regina Dawn – age 29  
Arrested: Feb. 28  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bradley, Thunder – age 28  
Arrested: March 1  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

George, Michael Anthony – age 28  
Arrested: March 1  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Queen, Ruby Marie – age 27  
Arrested: March 1  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Reed, Austin Lee – age 23  
Arrested: March 1  
Released: March 3  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Obstructing Governmental Functions

Bird, Stevan Daniel – age 42

Arrested: March 2  
Released: March 2  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Rashonda Lashae – age 34  
Arrested: March 2  
Released: March 2  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Garcia, Jose Salvador – age 55  
Arrested: March 2  
Released: March 5  
Charges: Domestic Violence

Queen, Johnnie Sue – age 44  
Arrested: March 3  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance – Simple Possession of Marijuana; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Manufacture, Sell, Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V)

Wildcatt, Carrie Irene – age 30  
Arrested: March 3  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Failure to Appear, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Brownlee, Seanquavious – 28  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: March 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Cook, Katrina Lynn – age 34  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: March 4

Charges: Temporary Hold  
Decoteau, Mary Lynn – age 27  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: March 4  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Harris, Robert Lee – age 33  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Aggravated Sexual Abuse

Sampson, Austin Russell – age 38  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: March 4  
Charges: DWI

Welch Jr., James McKinley – age 40  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 7)  
Charges: Domestic Violence (two counts)

Wolfe, Anna – age 41  
Arrested: March 4  
Released: March 4  
Charges: Failure to Appear

Snyder, Michael Lee – age 46  
Arrested: March 5  
Released: March 5  
Charges: Temporary Hold

West, Jet Twin – age 20  
Arrested: March 5  
Released: March 5  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Watty Jr., Quincy – age 47  
Arrested: March 6  
Released: March 6  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

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# Tribal Court Report

*Editor's Note: We apologize for the delay in getting the Court report to our readers. We held up publication while we attempted to get a more comprehensive report. The report is as it was received from the Tribal Court except for redactions for information of individuals who are deceased.*

The Tribal Court has recently began utilizing a new data system known as Tribalex. Tribalex connects the Court, Cherokee Indian Police Department, Magistrates, Marshal Service, Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, Domestic Violence Program, and Family Safety Program into a system that will allow for better case management, data collection, scheduling, case submission, and accountability while maintaining confidentiality through privileging access to information. The system build is still in progress and historical case information will still need to be transferred, but the system is functional enough for the Court to pull data for this report. Going forward, the Court will be submitting quarterly reports to the One Feather. As the data system continues to grow these reports will shift and expand as more data points are available. For this quarterly report we are showing you data from June 2021-September 2021. This data comes from Tribalex and Office of the Tribal Prosecutor.

A few highlights from the Court:

- Judges have been working diligently to clean up backlogs on cases created during the COVID-19 closure
- More Jury Trial sessions for

both Civil and Criminal have been scheduled in 2022

- The Court is working with the Attorney General's Office to update the Cherokee Code to clarify discrepancies, create more access for pro se litigants, and increase the efficiency of the Court
- The Court is working with programs, attorneys, and other court systems to schedule in a manner that reduces conflicts for attorneys and increases their presence at the Cherokee Court

## CONVICTION REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL PROSECUTOR

The following is a summary of convictions during the last quarter. For the purposes of this report, the quarter is calculated from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. These convictions were entered during Criminal Court sessions with Judge Monty Beck and Judge Barbara Parker presiding. These summaries are not an exhaustive list of all convictions during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. These convictions do not include minor traffic violations or probation violations. Additional information regarding these convictions and other dispositions may be obtained from the Court records on file.

Crystal Arkansas was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Violation of a Court Order, and Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court. Ms. Arkansas was sentenced to 180 days in active custody. At the time that this sentence was entered on June 3, 2021, Ms. Arkansas had served 88 days in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. The Tribe agreed to allow Ms. Arkansas to serve any/all of the remainder of her active sentence in an inpatient treatment facility.

Errika Leah Arkansas was convicted of two separate offenses of Second Degree Trespass. Ms. Arkansas was sentenced to 60 days in active custody. This sentence was suspended and Ms. Arkansas was placed on six months supervised probation beginning on July 28, 2021 when the judgment was entered. Ms. Arkansas was also ordered not to be on or about Harrah's Casino property and 1205 Seven Clans Lane.

Darrin Bark was convicted of Breaking and Entering (felony). The Defendant was sentenced to 209 days in active custody. As of July 28, 2021 when the sentence was entered, Mr. Bark had served 182 days in treatment and twenty-seven days in the Cherokee Detention Center for a total of 209 days. Mr. Bark was also ordered to have no contact with Elijah Littlejohn.

Ronald Bowman was convicted of Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court and sentenced to eighteen days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. At the time that the sentence was entered on July 28, 2021, the Defendant had served eighteen days. o Crystal Bradley was convicted of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and sentenced to thirty days in active custody in the Cherokee Detention Center. At the time that this sentence was entered on June 22, 2021, Ms. Bradley had thirty days credit for time served and had spent 206 days on electronic home confinement.

Deweese Bushyhead was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance and sentenced to 220 days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. The sentence was deferred and Mr. Bushyhead was placed on supervised probation for a period of twelve months beginning on

August 19, 2021. As special conditions of his supervised probation, Mr. Bushyhead was ordered to obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow the recommendations thereof for a period of 150 days. Upon successful completion all recommendations of his substance abuse assessment, Mr. Bushyhead may withdraw his guilty plea and move to have the charge dismissed.

Chad Calhoun was convicted of Receiving or Possession Stolen Property and Purchasing/Attempt to Purchase/Possession or Consumption of Alcohol by Person(s) under 21. Mr. Calhoun was sentenced to sixty days which was suspended for six months probation. At the time of his June 30, 2021 conviction, Mr. Calhoun had served ten days in the Cherokee Detention Center.

James Calhoun was convicted of Reckless Driving and Violation of a Court Order and sentenced to 90 days in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. This sentence was suspended for Mr. Calhoun to serve twelve months on supervised probation beginning from the date the judgment was entered on July 20, 2021. Mr. Calhoun was also ordered to have no contact with the prosecuting witness(es) and to obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow the recommendations thereof.

Ayana Cardenas was convicted of Simple Assault and sentenced to seven days in active custody. This sentence was suspended and Mr. Cardenas was placed on unsupervised probation for a period of six months following the July 28, 2021.

Gregory Lee Cline was convicted of Possession of Firearms by Felon (felony). Mr. Cline was sentenced to 365 days active incarceration. At the time the judgment



was entered on August 31, 2021, Mr. Cline had 107 days in custody. His anticipated date of release is May 16, 2022.

Kevin Crowe was convicted of Communicating Threats and ordered to serve 30 days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. This sentence was suspended and Mr. Crowe was placed on unsupervised probation for twelve months beginning on June 17, 2021 when the judgment was entered. As a special condition of his probation, Mr. Crowe was ordered to have no contact with Barbara Saunooke during the pendency of probation.

Sherry Lynn Crowe was convicted of False Pretenses (felony) on June 17, 2021. Ms. Crowe was sentenced to thirty days in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. This sentence was suspended for twelve months unsupervised probation. As a special condition of her probation, Ms. Crowe was ordered to pay \$90.00 to Allen's Pawn and have no contact with Lisa Youngdeer.

Christian Davis was convicted of Obstructing Governmental Functions and sentenced to thirteen days in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Facility.

Kendall Driver was convicted of Driving While Impaired on July 28, 2021 and ordered to spend 240 days on a continuous alcohol monitoring device.

Marquis Ford was convicted of Violation of a Court Order on June 22, 2021. Mr. Ford was sentenced to 365 days in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. This sentence was suspended for 365 days supervised probation. As special conditions of his probation, Mr. Ford was ordered to have no contact with Camilla Bumgarner and not be on the Qualla Boundary or any other Tribal properties

because he is banished. Mr. Ford's probationary supervision is for the purposes of Mr. Ford to notify his probation officer of any Family Safety matters for which he may need to be on the Boundary.

Walter Samuel French was convicted of Larceny and Second Degree Trespass and sentenced to thirty (30) days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center. This sentence was suspended for six months unsupervised probation beginning on July 29, 2021 when the sentence was entered. As special conditions of his probation, Mr. French was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$300.00 to Calvin Driver and to not be on or about the property of John Hardy.

Jamie Fuller was sentenced to two charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance on July 13, 2021 and sentenced to 235 days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center.

Edna Hornbuckle was convicted of Criminal Mischief to Property and Possession of a Controlled Substance on August 18, 2021. Ms. Hornbuckle was sentenced to six months in active custody. This sentence may be served concurrently with any state court imposed sentence.

Gideon Little was convicted of Driving While Impaired. He was sentenced to sixty (60) days. This sentence was suspended for twelve months of supervised probation. Mr. Little was also ordered to complete twenty-four hours of community service.

Michael Lopez was convicted of Reckless Driving and ordered to serve ten days active. This sentence was suspended and Mr. Lopez was placed on twelve months supervised probation beginning on the August 20, 2021 date that the sentence was entered. As a

special condition of his probation, Mr. Lopez was ordered to complete 48 hours community service. Upon successful completion of forty-eight 48 hours of community service, Mr. Lopez's probation may be transferred to unsupervised.

George Martin, Jr. was convicted of Breaking and Entering (felony), Grand Larceny (felony), and Domestic Violence and sentenced to 180 days in active custody. Mr. Martin served 99 days in active custody and the remainder of his sentence was suspended and he was placed on supervised probation for a period of 18 months beginning on July 29, 2021 when the judgment was entered. Mr. Martin was also ordered to pay \$5,595.00 in restitution to Native Designs Store, not be on the property of Native Designs Store, and have no contact with Sarah Thompson for the duration of his probation.

Michael Noah Moore was convicted of Domestic Criminal Trespass and Failure to Obey a Court Order. The Defendant was sentenced to 230 days in the active custody of the Cherokee Detention Center and credited with 234 days served as of July 20, 2021 when the judgment was entered.

Frances Morgan admitted to a probation violation in connection with two underlying charges for which she had previously been convicted and was also convicted of a new charge of Reckless Endangerment. Ms. Morgan's 60 day sentence was sentence and she was placed on 12 months supervised probation beginning June 22, 2021. As special conditions of her probation, Ms. Morgan was ordered to obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow the recommendations of that substance abuse assessment. Ms. Morgan was also ordered to be placed on

a continuous alcohol monitor for a period of 180 days and was not permitted to be released until she was placed on the monitor.

o Moses Reed was sentenced to Disorderly Conduct on July 28, 2021 and sentenced to one day in the custody of the Cherokee Detention Facility.

o Angelica Saine was convicted of First Degree Trespass (felony) and sentenced to 30 days active custody. That sentence was suspended for unsupervised probation. As a special condition of her probation, Ms. Saine was also ordered to not return to Smoky Mountain Cabins. At the time of her July 15, 2021 conviction, Ms. Saine was given credit for seventeen (17) days served in custody.

o Cheryl Lynn Sequoyah was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Manufacture, Sell, Deliver of a Controlled Substance (felony). Ms. Sequoyah was sentenced to two years active. At the time judgment was entered on July 15, 2021, Ms. Sequoyah had served 426 days active and was credited with that time. The remainder of Ms. Sequoyah's sentence was suspended for three years supervised probation. If Ms. Sequoyah has no probation violations or new charges for one year, her probation may be transferred to unsupervised. Ms. Sequoyah was also ordered to pay a mandatory \$2,000.00 fine, Court costs in the amount of \$190.00, and costs associated with electronic home confinement in the amount of \$2,167.00.

Jack Daniel Smith was convicted of Assault on a Female (DV), Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, and Weapons Offense on August 31, 2021. Mr. Smith was sentenced to 365 days in the

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active custody of the Cherokee  
Detention Center. Mr. Smith's an-  
ticipated date of release is January  
9, 2022.

Shaina Taylor was convicted  
of three charges of Escape and  
sentenced to 36 days active. At  
the time of her July 20, 2021, Ms.  
Taylor was credited with 36 days  
served.

Terrance Taylor was convicted  
of Driving While Impaired on July  
13, 2021. Mr. Taylor was sen-  
tenced to 60 days. This sentence  
was suspended for twelve months  
unsupervised probation. As a spe-  
cial condition of his probation, Mr.  
Taylor was ordered to consume  
no alcohol during the term of his  
unsupervised probation. Mr. Tay-  
lor was also ordered to pay Court  
costs in the amount of \$190.00,

a fine of \$100.00, and \$2,227.00  
in fees associated with a monitor-  
ing device. Mr. Taylor was also  
convicted of Assault on a Female  
on July 13, 2021. Mr. Taylor was  
ordered to serve 91 days for this  
conviction and credited with 91  
days served on Electronic Home  
Confinement.

Benton Teesateskie was con-  
victed of the amended charge of  
Reckless Driving on August 20,  
2021. Mr. Teesateskie was or-  
dered to obtain a substance abuse  
assessment and complete the  
recommendations associated with  
that assessment. Mr. Teesateskie  
was also ordered to complete 24  
hours of community service and  
pay court costs.

Kyle Wahnetah was convict-  
ed of Domestic Violence. Mr.  
Wahnetah was ordered to serve  
twenty-nine (29) days in the  
custody of the Cherokee Deten-

tion Facility and credited with 29  
days served as of August 17, 2021  
when the judgment was entered.  
The remainder of Mr. Wahnetah's  
sentence was suspended for twelve  
(12) months supervised probation.  
Mr. Wahnetah was also ordered  
to have no contact with Brittany  
Lossiah except through texts only  
for the purpose of supervised visi-  
tation with the minor child.

Emerson Welch was convicted  
of First Degree Trespass (felony),  
Possession of a Controlled Sub-  
stance, and Aggravated Receiving/  
Possessing Stolen Property. Mr.  
Welch was sentenced to 120 days  
in active custody. This sentence  
was suspended for 12 months  
supervised probation. As special  
conditions of his probation, Mr.  
Welch was ordered to serve thirty  
(30) days active; pay \$37.00 to  
Shoe Show; pay a mandatory  
\$1,000 fine; and stay away from

Michell Hicks and the property of  
1168 Hicks Hollow Road, Chero-  
kee, NC 28719.

Anderson Wildcat, Jr was con-  
victed of Second Degree Trespass  
on June 22, 2021 and sentenced to  
eight days in the Cherokee De-  
tention Center. Mr. Wildcat was  
convicted of another charge of Sec-  
ond Degree Trespass and Resisting  
Lawful Arrest on August 3, 2021  
and was sentenced to thirty days  
in the Cherokee Detention Cen-  
ter. This sentence was suspended  
for nine months unsupervised  
probation. As special conditions  
of his probation, Mr. Wildcat was  
ordered to serve six days active  
and credited with six days served;  
consume no alcohol/controlled  
substances; and have no contact  
with Patricia Wildcat or Sarah  
Wildcat or the property of 196  
Tsali Enola Road.



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## CELEBRATING CHAMPIONS

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One Feather

Shawn Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and an Atlanta Braves fan since 1973, speaks at the Cherokee Champions Celebration, organized by the Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee, held at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the morning of Saturday, March 12. The event featured the Atlanta Braves Entertainment Team, the Atlanta Braves Heavy Hitters, several Atlanta Braves alumni, and the 2021 World Series trophy won by Atlanta.



Paul Byrd, a major league pitcher from 1995-2009 with seven teams including the Atlanta Braves, speaks to the youth about pitching basics. Currently a sportscaster with Bally Sports Southeast covering Braves' games, he finished his MLB career with a 4.41 ERA and 923 strikeouts.



Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed brings in the 2021 World Series trophy into the event on Saturday. The Braves won the Series by beating the Houston Astros in six games (4-2 on the series).



Aaliyah Reed, a member of the Cherokee Lady Braves softball team, participated in a throwing drill.





Brian Jordan, a Major League outfielder from 1992-2006, speaks to the youth about the basics of hitting a baseball or softball. He played for five teams including the Atlanta Braves and had a .282 lifetime batting average with 821 RBIs and 184 HRs.



Nick Green, a Major League infielder from 2004-13, talks to the youth players about the importance of mechanics when fielding and throwing a baseball. He played for eight teams including the Atlanta Braves and his .236 lifetime. Green is an analyst on the Braves Life! post-game show on Bally Sports Southeast.



Blooper, the Atlanta Braves' mascot, gets the crowd pumped at the start of Saturday's event.



"J Slim", a member of the Heavy Hitters, plays snare as the group entertained the crowd with its drumlines.

## OBITUARIES Jh̄f̄f̄R

### **Wanda Louise Taylor**

Wanda L. Taylor, age 73, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Harris Regional Hospital. She is the daughter of Reuben Taylor and the late Mary Jane Taylor.

In addition to her father, Wanda is survived by her children, Chuck Taylor, Kim Wildcatt, and Monica Wildcat-Tafoya (Kevin); nine grandchildren, Peaches Squirrel, Travis Arch, Dustin Pheasant, Lil' Rich Bottchenbaugh, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Shakyra Bottchenbaugh, Moke Tafoya, Marijane Tafoya, and Shadow Raya; seven great grandchildren, Lexi Bird, Dreyvon Taylor, Cynthia Saunooke, Jovane Saunooke, Kyrin Whitecotton, Kainen Whitecotton, and Dalilah Wildcatt; sister, Fran Walkingstick (Sam); and aunt, Helen Arch.

Wanda was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Cinda Taylor and Talia Taylor.

Wanda was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and she loved going to church! Most of all, she loved God and was a Prayer Warrior. She loved growing a garden and flowers and mowing her own grass. She loved spending evenings with her sister crocheting and doing diamond dots. Wanda loved gathering with her family, visiting in the back yard and joking with her Grandchildren. She was the best cook in our Family, she loved cookbooks and looking for new recipes. She loved trips to Wal-Mart (pre-COVID) and the Dollar Store and of course, scrolling Facebook as a favorite past time.

A formal funeral service was held on Sunday, March 6 at Rock Springs Church with Pastor Greg Morgan, Pastor Keith Carson, and Preacher Scottie Chekelelee officiating. Burial was in the Welch-Tay-

lor Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richie Bottchenbaugh, Kevin Tafoya, Tommy Teesateskie, Michael Slee, and Kevin Primo. Honorary Pallbearers were Lil' Rich Bottchenbaugh, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Moke Tafoya, Darrell Toineeta, JR Walkingstick, Dreyvon Taylor, and Darius Lambert.

### **Hugh Noland Queen**

Hugh Noland Queen, age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 7, 2022 at his residence. He is the son of the late Daniel and Sherrill Queen.

Hugh is survived by his children, Shannon Queen and Hugh Queen Jr. of the home and Onita Crowe (Sam); one grandchild, Luke Crowe; sister, Danette Queen; special friends, Jerry Jackson, Charlie Burgess and family, George Burgess, and all his fishing and hunting buddies.

In addition to his parents, Hugh was preceded in death by his son, Eddie Bradley, and brother, Donald "Kool-Aide" Queen.

The family had a visitation on Wednesday March 9 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Queen Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Burgess Family, Roy Bradley and his hunting buddies. Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Jackson, Charlie Burgess, and George Burgess.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### **John Allison**

John Allison, 64, of Cherokee passed away Monday, March 7, 2022.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Boyce and Sally Allison.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and Jack

Allison.

John was a member of Cherokee Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Cody Allison and wife Jillian; two grandchildren, Levi and Karli Allison; brother, Terry Allison; sister, Donna Crowe; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 11 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. Rick Ellington officiated.

### **Cynthia "Cindy" Renée Whitecotton**

Cynthia "Cindy" Renée Whitecotton, 64, of Cherokee, went on her journey on Monday, March 7, 2022.

She was born on April 22, 1957, in Tulsa, Okla., to Roy Chandler and Julia LoneEagle. Cindy loved everyone she met and took many wayward youth under her wing. She was an activist for Native rights, climate change, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. She loved concerts, photography, and her grand/children.

Cindy is survived by her three children, Janine Whitecotton Smith (Andy), Dakota Whitecotton (Juanita), Gadusi Crowe (TJ); eight grandchildren, Leland Smith, Eli Smith, Hazel Smith, Kyrin Whitecotton, Kainen Whitecotton (Shakyra), Chaos Whitecotton, Lakelyn McCoy (Destiny), Roman Thompson; two brothers, Mike Chandler and Doug Chandler; three nieces and three nephews; special family members, Dawn Yellowhorn, Sydney Taylor, Nakos Calhoun, Alyssa Taylor, Alaina Smith, Adrien George, Raven Blackbull, Beau Schneider, and countless others.

Services were held at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Thursday, March 10. Cindy was laid to

rest in West Cemetery, located on Peavine Road, West Lane, in the Yellowhill Community. Pall Bearers were Dakota Whitecotton, Andy Smith, TJ Allison, Simon Montelongo, Darius Lambert, and Tony Walkingstick.

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva is serving the family.

### **Martha Elaine Sherrill**

Martha Elaine Sherrill went home to the Lord's House on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. She will be welcomed by many beloved family members. She was the daughter of the late Katie Jessan.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Mike, Denny, and Ossie Crowe; one twin sister, Mary Ann Rich; and daughter, Denise Owl.

She is survived by her children, Starla Bilyeu (Kevin) of Oklahoma, Joey (Sandy), Ronda (Eddie), Mark (Artith) all of Cherokee.

She was a member of the Yellowhill Baptist Church.

She was well known throughout the community. She loved to cook, do bead work, pottery, work in the garden, and go to the mountains to pick greens. Her favorite hobby was going to the casino.

She has 15 grandkids, 29 great grandkids, and one great great grandchild. She had several special friends, too many to name, you know who you all are.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 15 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Rev. Foreman Bradley officiated with burial in the Owl Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chelis Santoyo, Marcus Owl, Silas Reed-Littlejohn, Ietan Reed-Littlejohn, Josiah Teesateskie, Isaiah Bowman, Dwayne Wiggins, Greg Smith, and Eddie Bird.



## Opportunity to assist in drafting the final proposed Constitution

The SGADUGI Constitution group, would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has been involved in drafting this constitution. It is thanks to the dedication by members of the community throughout 2021 that we were able to produce these weekly articles.

The purpose of these articles was an effort to better explain the thought process that went into the choices that were made in drafting the proposed Constitution. They were also written to compare the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians which the Tribe is using to govern versus the proposed Constitution. And, when needed, the articles explain concepts that some may not understand or may not relate to how it would affect them.


Each written article covers a subsection of the Constitution in smaller, more digestible bites. Even though each written article examines a part of the document, the entire document is covered. Some portions of the Constitution required multiple issues of the newspaper to cover. What's included here is a compilation of the One Feather articles that appeared each week.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the One Feather Staff for their support in this endeavor, including Robert Jumper and Scott Brings Plenty. Without their contributions each week, we would not have been able to get this phase of the project completed.

The goal is to get people aware and involved so when we go to Tribal Council in the Spring of 2023, we will have the support to get it on the ballot for the 2023 election. We are counting on you to make this a document we all can be proud of and live under. This document is to replace the Charter and Governing Document on the governance of the People.

The next phase is community input. We are looking for thoughts and suggestions from everyone on how to make this Constitution even better and more representative of the majority. We will begin April 7, 2022, with a discussion page both on the [sgadugi.org](http://sgadugi.org) website and the Facebook page (*search EBCI Constitution*). We will list a section of the Constitution. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are invited and encouraged to post and discuss that and previous sections. Every two weeks we'll post a new section for the tribal community to consider.

## SHOCKING NEWS FOR FIDO!



With spring approaching and temperatures warming, some wild animals are going to be more active near where your pets live. A brief encounter with another animal that has contracted rabies could mean suffering and possibly death for a beloved pet. Simply making sure your pet is current with rabies vaccinations can prevent your pup or kitty from getting rabies and help reduce the possible spread of the disease. Now is a good time to check to see if your pet needs its rabies vaccine.

Free rabies shots are available for pets of tribal members at the Cherokee Animal Care Clinic! Call the clinic at 497-3401 for more information and to make an appointment.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) member renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at EBCI.com and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and documentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: [shicks@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shicks@ebci-nsn.gov)

Note that entering information using the link at EBCI.com is not an application. This link is used to collect your information so that we may contact you via email/

phone. Also, if you have received 18 months of assistance, you have exhausted the maximum amount of assistance allowed.

Eligible households include families that have:

- Enrolled EBCI tribal member
- Must reside in one of the 50 United States of America
- Income below 80 percent of the area median income
- An obligation to pay rent
- A household member that has a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness

Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs
- Utilities and home energy cost arrears

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Tribal members must also provide in writing that they have experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant cost, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. This program is NOT for homeowners or tribal members with mortgages. To apply for this program, you MUST be a renter. This program is to help prevent current renters from becoming homeless or evicted.

Info: Stefany Hicks 359-8096, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

- Cherokee Indian Housing Division

### firefighter with Cherokee Fire & Rescue

Cherokee Fire & Rescue is looking for people 18 and older who wish to become professional firefighters. Training will be taught by Cherokee Fire & Rescue certified instructors who carry a N.C. Firefighter II certification. Info: Thomas Simmons, Cherokee Fire & Rescue assistant chief, [thomsimm@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:thomsimm@nc-chokeee.com) or 788-1272

- Cherokee Fire & Rescue

### Duke University pow wow

The Duke Native American Alliance is seeking vendors, dancers, and drum groups for their annual pow wow scheduled for April 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abele Quad on the campus of Duke University. Info: [dukenasa21@gmail.com](mailto:dukenasa21@gmail.com)

### Become a professional

# COLD CASE



**The body of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was found in a burned vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Rd., in the Big Cove Community, on Dec. 29, 2013.**

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that “foul play” was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$15,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

If your annual gross income (AGI) is less than \$73,000 and you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Due to the rise in COVID cases, this year will begin by using a drop-off pickup system and may change to face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-6939 or 359-6938 to set up a drop-off appointment. During your appointment, you will be required to fill out a short intake form. Dropoff appointments will begin Monday, Feb. 14 and will be Monday through Thursday. Remember to wear a mask and do not come if you are exhibiting COVID symptoms or have

been quarantined due to positive test or by contact tracing. Customers exhibiting symptoms will be asked to reschedule their drop-off or pick-up.

Bring with you the following items to your appointment/drop-off:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return (if possible)
- The program does not do Rental

Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

- Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit letter and Letter 6475 Economic Impact letters

- EBCI Cooperative Extension  
Office release

## Cherokee Indian Housing Division Tsalagi & Mutual Help payment cutoff For March

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division will process payments for Tsalagi and Mutual Help from March 1 thru March 23. Cutoff will be March 23 to allow the Housing Division to transition all Tsalagi and Mutual Help clients to the new property management software. This software will allow clients to access their accounts online, view account balances, submit

work orders, and pay all payments online. Contact your Occupancy Specialists to update phone numbers and email addresses in order to activate your client account. Last names beginning with A thru M contact Ernie Tiger at 359-6334. Last names beginning with N thru Z contact Cheryl Beyer at 359-6352.

- Cherokee Indian Housing  
Division

## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Park announces Clingmans Dome Road pavement preservation project

Great Smoky Mountains National Park announced that a pavement preservation project along Clingmans Dome Road begins this month during the seasonal winter

see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page

## PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing for Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

### Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board confirmation hearings for Hillane Lambert and Adele Jacobs Madden

Wednesday, March 23 at 1 p.m.  
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

The final date for public comment will be  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022



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closure. When the road opens to the public for the 2022 season on April 1, the paving work will continue with single-lane closures through Friday, Sept. 2. The lane closures along the seven-mile roadway are necessary to safely and efficiently complete the project.

During the month of March, while the road is still closed to the public, workers will repair drainage systems, reset curbing, and complete other work that can be accomplished during cooler weather. Upon opening to the public on April 1, visitors traveling on Clingmans Dome Road should expect weekday, single-lane closures, and traffic delays. Lane closures will occur from 7 a.m. on Mondays through 12 p.m. on Fridays. The lane closures will

be managed with flagging operations and a pilot car to lead traffic through work zones. No daytime lane closures will be allowed on Federal Holidays, during the week of Easter, or between June 15 through Aug. 15.

Clingmans Dome Road is one of the most popular destinations in the park and receives more than 500,000 visitors annually. The roadway includes several scenic overlooks, high-elevation trailheads, and direct access to Clingmans Dome, the highest peak in the park. Visitors can walk along the paved, 0.5-mile trail to the top of Clingmans Dome at 6,643 feet and view the surrounding mountains from the historic Clingmans Dome Observation Tower.

The Federal Highway Administration awarded the more than \$2.6 million construction contract

to Bryant's Land and Development Industries, Inc., from Burnsville, NC. The project work will consist of patching deteriorated sections of the roadbed, sealing cracks in the pavement, and applying a high-performance surface treatment. The pavement preservation work will extend the life of the existing pavement by approximately five to seven years.

Motorists are asked to reduce speeds and use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. For more information about road closures, please follow Smokies-RoadsNPS on Twitter or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/grsm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm).

- National Park Service

### **Park recruiting Roadside Assistance volunteers**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking volunteers to

assist Visitor and Resource Protection rangers in providing roadside assistance, managing traffic, and providing visitor information on park roadways.

The Roadside Assistance Program, supported annually by Friends of the Smokies, allows the park to provide minor roadside assistance to visitors. Volunteers drive a courtesy vehicle equipped with tools, battery charger, and vehicle fluids to assist visitors with services such as jump starting a dead battery or unlocking a vehicle.

Volunteers are required to work 32 hours per week in a team of two. At least one team member must have prior law enforcement experience which allows for better recognition of hazards and situations that should be avoided and passed directly to park rangers. Volunteers are provided a RV site (RV not included) with electric and water services.

Positions are available in the Little River District near Gatlinburg, Tenn., Oconaluftee District near Cherokee, and Cades Cove District near Townsend, Tenn.


For more information about the Roadside Assistant Volunteer Program or to request a Volunteer Information Packet, please email [grsm\\_volunteer\\_office@nps.gov](mailto:grsm_volunteer_office@nps.gov). To apply visit <https://www.volunteer.gov/s/volunteer-opportunity/a093d00000VvVnAAK/visitor-patrol-roadside-assistant>.

- National Park Service release

Meet The Candidate

# Rick Buchanan

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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March 19  
Canada - Community Center  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

March 26  
Cherokee - Painttown Gym  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

April 2  
Cashiers - Albert Carlton Library  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

April 9  
Cullowhee - Jackson County Rec Center  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

April 23  
Tuckaseegee - VFW  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

May 7  
Sylva - Bridge Park  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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The Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors hosted an Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, March 4. The Board stated, "Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the Cherokee Boys Club, Inc. Lunch was provided by K & B Catering and it was absolutely delicious! We also collected many door prize donations from local businesses, which created quite the excitement among our employees. Thank you to the following local businesses for your donations: Food Lion, Rancho Viejo, Native Impressions, Sequoyah National Golf Club, Cherokee Cinemas & More, Wize Guyz, Osaka, Firehouse Subs, Brio, and Indigenous Boutique & Spa. Thank you all so much and God bless you!" (Cherokee Boys Club photo)



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2022 - 2023 program year.

If selected, Fellows receive \$4000 to use for their leadership endeavors and for travel opportunities. Fellows will also raise awareness and work on community issues, receive personal and professional support from Mentors in our community, and have networking opportunities.

To apply, please visit [www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/](http://www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/) or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee. Applications are due to Christopher Reed by April 4th, 2022 at 4:30pm.



  
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## COMMENTARY

# Travelers expect to be catered to, not dictated to.

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We are a proud people with a strong culture. Our history is, well, ancient. It is our brand. It is who we are. The Cherokee as a race, as a people, are known, around the world.

People study us, both our history and who we are today. They fantasize and romanticize about being a part of the culture and want to adopt themselves into our Tribe. Routinely, visitors to the Qualla Boundary will come to our Welcome Center and want to know how they may become Cherokee. Many spend time and resources

to track down a connection, any connection, in their bloodlines to tie their lives to that of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Thousands come to the Qualla Boundary every year to touch the culture and history of the Tribe. They come and watch the pageantry of our Mountainside Theatre. They absorb our history in the Museum of the Cherokee Indians. They flock to events like the Cherokee Indian Fair. They pick up a piece of pottery or beadwork or carvings to take back home a little of that history and culture with them.

There are very few people on the planet who haven't heard of

us. Telling people that we are here has never been the problem. Our brand is firmly in the minds of the people on planet earth.

We have a right to be proud of the success and popularity of our Tribe. It surely doesn't hurt that we have one of the most productive economic generators in the southeast sitting in our front yard, but what we did with our success is more important. Our Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council have carried on a focus that comes from millennia of natural stewardship.

Maybe it comes from being a matriarchal society. The Cherokee people of the western North Car-

olina mountains have a mother's love and devotion to each other. I was always told when I was a boy that the Qualla Boundary Cherokee people stick together. Oh, they may argue and fight amongst themselves as family members do, but when an outside threat came calling, the Cherokee family would turn all energy and focus to repelling any opposition.

Our mothers and fathers taught us respect for the land and for each other. And we learned great things. Things that helped us grow and survive, even in the face of persecution and attempts at assimilation. Our ability to adapt and our resilience is unparalleled.

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MARCH 14-20, 2022

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Delayed Harvest Stocking March 3 (only delayed harvest section is open)	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Midges, Wolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, eggs, Soft Hackles
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Midges, Soft Hackles
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber Legs, Midges, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Soft Hackles

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MONDAY, MARCH 14	TUESDAY, MARCH 15	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16	THURSDAY, MARCH 17	FRIDAY, MARCH 18	SATURDAY, MARCH 19	SUNDAY, MARCH 20
AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER++	BEST	SEASON'S BEST	BETTER++	GOOD
10:00 AM-12:00 PM 10:24 PM-12:24 AM	N/A 10:49 AM-12:49 PM	N/A 11:36 AM-1:36 PM	N/A 12:22 PM-2:22 PM	12:45 AM-2:45 AM 1:08 PM-3:08 PM	1:31 AM-3:31 AM 1:55 PM-3:55 PM	2:19 AM-4:19 AM 2:43 PM-4:43 PM

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One of the basic laws of product development is that, when you visualize a product, you must be able to convince a sustaining group of people that the product is something that they need, whether they need it or not. In marketing, this used to be much more of a guessing game than it is today. With the amount of data that is collected on each up us each time we pick up a smartphone or turn on a computer is at best astounding and at worst, frightening. Technology has come so far as to be able to tell us not just what we buy, but what we look at, and, over time, what we desire. Internet search engines are recording our searches. "Cookies" or little program links allow websites we visit to track our trips through the world wide web, documenting what you visited and how much

you inquired about it. Companies don't just use this information to advertise product to you, they use it to create new products to cater to you. You are helping them to visualize the product, so it is easier for them to make you want it; to think you need it.

Businesspeople long ago understood that you cannot force feed the people, any people, a product and have a good outcome. This particularly applies to the leisure traveler. They are buying a product, a destination or experience, that they don't necessarily need. So, it is up to the destination to convince them that they want it.

There has been some discussion in our government about Destination Marketing. Some comments are concerning in that they sound as if they will attempt to "tell" the Tribe's perspective visitors what to like. The data that I have seen doesn't place cultural tourism at the top of most travelers' lists. For our area, it is outdoor, eco(ecological), and agri(agricultural) tourism that dominates the lists. And that makes perfect sense, since we are in the Appalachian Mountains, and a gateway community to the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The part of the world traveling community that comes to or wants to come to our area already have an idea of the kind of experience and destination they are looking for.

Surely, as we mentioned earlier, there are those who are culture and history buffs who are looking for a deep dive into culture. But that segment may not be big enough to be considered a sustaining group of people for our tribal economy. And even they want more than just a cultural experience. Family tourism requires the ability to have multiple areas of focus. Most families comprise of at least two generations, each with unique ideas and desires. Having products that deliver satisfaction to all requires an in-depth understanding of both the traveler and the product.

So, when marketing to the people who are our intended traveler market, we must be careful not to let pride get in our way. It doesn't matter how much money you throw at a product to promote it, if it is not what the traveler is looking for. Surely, the Cherokee brand is powerful, but it has also come to mean many things, most notably adult gaming. As much of a blessing as adult gaming has been, for many it has changed what the EBCI is in the eyes of many of the family travelers. And we have lost some of that family travel business because of it. Fire Mountain Trails is an example of the outside the box thinking that we need to further the cause of Cherokee tourism. It is a product that has been developed that has broad consumer appeal. Our

trout fishing program is another premium product of our tribe. Neither is promoted or marketed in such a way as to attract a sustaining audience and obtain consumer buy-in.

Our tribal government and those responsible for marketing EBCI as a destination must look at who we are and what image we project to that portion of the traveling public that we must reach to achieve that sustainable group of people who will make a difference in our economy. Day-trippers and one-time overnights will not create a sustaining tourism revenue stream. We must convince travelers that they need to make Cherokee, N.C. their basecamp for any visit to western North Carolina. And while our culture is a strong draw, we must, through analytics, gain a better understanding of what tourists want and that will make them stay here, because they feel like they need what we have. I don't like to be force-fed anything, even something I like. If I feel like something is being pushed down my throat, I will move on to something or somewhere that I have more freedom of choice. I presume you to be the same. I also presume that most travelers are the same. If we want our tourism economy to grow, we must cater to those who we will depend on to support us, and that is the travelers.

**Post 143 seeking contact  
information for  
active EBCI service men/women**

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657  
David McQueen 736-9572**



# Who should own Cherokee ceremonial land?

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

*Writer's note: Noquisiyi is the preferred Cherokee spelling and pronunciation for the ceremonial site. The Nikwasi Initiative was formed when Nikwasi was the most common spelling.*

Noquisiyi is one of the most apparent symbols of Cherokee history in western North Carolina. The mound rests in modern day Franklin, NC and is one of three major Cherokee mounds in this area, with the others being Cowee and Kituwah. In 2019, the Town Council of Franklin voted to transfer the deed to this parcel of land to Nikwasi Initiative, a third-party non-profit who seeks 'to promote, interpret and link cultural and historic sites along a Cherokee Cultural Corridor'.

This was an interesting step. It was unanimously passed by Franklin Town Council and supported by Chief Richard G. Sneed, but it continues to be a topic of discussion. In fact, the partners have recently had to hold several meetings to calm some tensions and reassert a dedication to the plan.

While conducting interviews on the current state of affairs, it was fascinating to hear what certain stakeholders thought would be an ideal place for the deed.

"I feel we're acting as sort of like trustees or temporary managers to make sure that the sustainability and the care is done. Personally, I would hope it would be owned by the EBCI at some point down the road," said Elaine Eisenbraun, executive director of the Nikwasi Initiative.

"To me, that would be a wonderful outcome. But in the interim, until that time is right, we'll do the best we can to steward it and maintain it in the spirit of what the EBCI would do."

Franklin Mayor Jack Horton said that he felt the deed transfer to the Nikwasi Initiative was a good move, and that it's best to see how they can act as a partner.

"For right now, I think it's where it needs



Noquisiyi is one of the most apparent symbols of Cherokee history in western North Carolina. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

to be. We'll see how this works out. There's always revisions to where you could change that if you needed to. I think everybody wants to give the Initiative an opportunity to see what they can do and be successful. If they're unable to do that, then we have to look at other options," said Horton.

"I think ideally, it's best to work at this thing in a cooperative effort with partners. I think that's the best solution...I think it's better to have partners instead of just one entity necessarily calling all the shots and making all the decisions."

EBCI Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said that ownership is not the focus right now, but most importantly that everyone involved is on the same page. He said there are a lot of moving pieces at this time, and that the Tribe is looking at other ways to support the mound. This includes acquiring the adjoining parcels to Noquisiyi. He said that one day it would be nice to see those deeds rest with the EBCI.

"I think that's the most appropriate place for them to reside. Whether or not that hap-

pens is not something that I want to concern myself with right now. I think where that will be an issue will be in acquiring the adjoining parcels."

Personally, I think the entire debate around 'ownership' of Noquisiyi is nauseating.

The topic has grown quite complicated, but did it have to? What we're witnessing is a classic land squabble. It's been politicized and debated consistently, and often it feels like they are talking about a piece of expensive real estate. That should have never been the case. Noquisiyi is a very important piece of Cherokee history. Thousands of years of our culture rest there. This should have nothing to do with greed or killed grass. I don't feel either side has done a particularly good job in making their case for the land in previous years, but I find it slightly disrespectful that the Town of Franklin isn't properly weighing the cultural significance of the land.

It would behoove me if I did not stop and appreciate that the mound is still there. Thanks to efforts made by citizens of Franklin in 1946,



the mound has been mostly preserved. There were hopes from some businessmen to destroy the mound and use it for commercial ventures. However, individuals raised 1,500 dollars to buy the land and transfer the deed to the Town of Franklin – on the condition that the Town preserve the site. This is a beautiful act of forethought, and it deserves to be applauded.

When transferring the deed to the Nikwasi Initiative there was a small group of the town populace that was staunchly against the move. While they weren't the biggest body, they seemed to be the loudest. After the vote to transfer the deed, a group of five submitted a formal complaint against each member of the Town Council and the mayor. This was detailed in a report by Blue Ridge Public radio in March of 2019. In the complaint, they cited the deed of 1946. Specifically, that Nequassi (as it was spelled in the 1946 deed) was 'preserved for the citizens of Macon County'.

"Loss of ownership of the Nequassi Mound by the Citizens of Macon County would be incalculable, causing emotional and financial harm to the citizens, because the Nequassi Mound has been the iconic symbol for the early history of the county."

In my opinion, this shows a tremendous level of entitlement and blindness. As I stated, I very much appreciate the moves of those citizens in the 1940s. But if you are arguing emotional harm for losing an iconic symbol of your home, have you considered the feelings of those that have almost entirely lost their home?

Macon County was founded in 1828. Noquisiyi dates back long before colonial boots sunk into the land of what is now North Carolina. This type of sentiment truly baffles me. But again, I do not think this is the majority view of the Town, County, or the general population. The most significant issue I have with how Noquisiyi is being treated is that the involved parties have overcomplicated the situation.

At the end of the day, this land holds so much emotional and spiritual value to the Cherokee. There are not many things off the Qualla Boundary that symbolize our history. It has been a quite the battle for the EBCI to acquire even the most essential of ceremonial land over the years, and applying additional roadblocks seems cruel.

The EBCI purchased the property of the Kituwah Mound the year I was born in 1996. That land was placed into trust by the BIA in only the last few months. As an enrolled member often conflicted by my desire to be closer to my culture, Mothertown has shown me guidance and peace on more than one occasion. There is a very similar energy about the less-visited Cowee Mound. These are not simply parcels. One shouldn't think of them by their tax and commercial value. I also feel that it is a tremendous opportunity for Franklin to demonstrate an act of good faith. There hasn't been a lot of collaboration between Cherokee and Franklin, and this could be an interesting step towards future partnerships. Instead, I feel this has damaged the relationship. It's caused tension and potentially some distrust on both sides. In our discussion of Noquisiyi, Chief Sneed highlighted that he is very grateful for the partners involved, including Macon County and the Town of Franklin. He said that 'we want to do whatever's necessary to preserve and protect those relationships.'

I do understand that there are a lot of particulars that go into land transfers, especially between a town and a federally recognized tribe. But to me, the way Noquisiyi is talked about is very disheartening. I don't want to win the land with political tension and guilt. Slick plays from politicians so that we can diversify our assets. No. I'm so sick of that attitude.

A move to transfer the deed to the EBCI does not seem realistic at this point, and I

wouldn't advocate for an aggressive push to make it happen. I do sincerely hope that the Nikwasi Initiative can act in an efficient and positive way. I hope that Franklin, Macon County, the EBCI, and Mainspring can harmonically work together to respect the one of the most iconic pieces of Indian land in our region.

But just take a moment and think, who should have the responsibility of claiming this piece of Cherokee history? I don't think the answer is as difficult many want to believe.



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# Is there evidence of faith?

**By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Continued from last week. Read Matthew 20:1-7; Matthew 28:18-20.

Jesus has asked us all this question, “When the Son of Man cometh again, will He find any Faith on the Earth?”

Now that’s a powerful question the Lord asks us. Why? How many of you know it’s not “faith” until you begin to speak of it. Until you begin to do what is asked of you or needed from you. It’s not enough just to declare, ‘I have faith,’ if there’s never any evidence of your faith, is there?

That is right. In the New Testament, going toward the end of the Book, you will find out the writer literally declared ‘If you have faith, you will see the works of your faith. Amen.’ He said this, ‘if you don’t have any works, then I challenge you that you don’t have any faith.’ I believe when the Lord began by asking this question, ‘Will I find people who are living up to their full potential and walking in the fullness of the Spirit of God?’

Are there people opening their mouths and speaking the things God would speak? Are there those who are going into the places God would go and do the things on Earth that God would do?

You might say, ‘Well, I don’t know that I would.’ Jesus gave us a good example when He said to His parents, “You know I have to be about My Father’s business.”

“Yes, I submit to you today, I told you it might get a little tough today on your toes, maybe that’s why there are fewer people here. Lots of people can’t handle this, but when I look around, I see the ones who are almost always here and faithful.

Understand, I’m not just speaking to you, I’m also talking to myself and (anyone who calls themselves Christian). The Church has been so busy going about its own business, we’ve done very little of the business of the

Lord’s,

Now, I know this doesn’t sound like fun to begin with, but I’ve got some good news for you. When I look at the business of God, I realize the one thing God said He desires, (wishes for), is “I would that all men be saved.”

God never said, “I want My Church to be the biggest entity in the Earth. He never said, ‘I would that My Church be the biggest entity in the Earth. He never said, ‘I would that My Name would be written by airplanes in the clouds.’ He didn’t say, ‘You know I would...’. ‘Somebody would fly up to the moon and put My Name up there and all.’ He never did.

Jesus basically told us, “Here’s what I want. I want My Name written on the hearts of men and women that I love and who I died for. These are those I gave My Life for. These are those I gave My Life to, and I’m ready to give the New Birth.” ...

Yet, the Church has come to a place, I believe, in some degree, we fit into this morning, and I believe, is true of the Church universal. We’ve gotten so busy doing this and that, worrying about these other things, that we’ve forgotten what our true business is. Amen...? We’ve allowed the cares of life to choke out the directive God gave us in what we know as the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20.

When I looked into the Book of Acts early on, I found Holy Ghost-filled people, when they stepped out into their marketplace and opened their mouths, the Bible declares people were automatically drawn to them.

I’ve found when one begins to speak the things of God... people are drawn to you. Am I doing alright? You are quiet and that’s fine, that’s okay. I didn’t just come to preach, I came to do some teaching.

The Lord sent me here to say, “If your faith is active, you’ll win souls. That also means it’s the good works, too, because an active faith moves the Hand of God.

Has anyone noticed when one goes out to witness to somebody, they’re just not interested? Why is that?

Now, I believe this is on the Church because the people cannot come to Jesus unless they are drawn there, first, by the Spirit of God. When one moves the Spirit of God through their earnest praying, they can move His Power to focus on the soul being prayed for. Holy Spirit then makes the difference for the one being prayed for and for the one praying. Listen, the fervent prayer, the Righteous prayer—it moves things. It makes things begin to happen!


The issue is, we have to want to see the lost saved, so we must sacrifice a bit of time. We need to make it a priority in our lives, not just eating, sleeping, and working. We must make the things of God our priority. Time grows shorter every day...and the Lord sent me here to tell you these are the last hours, He’s calling to us who may still be idle, to give out a great reward...O we’re doing good! Amen.

To be continued...



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.*

ACTS 17:29 



Pre-Columbian Mayan carving from Tikal, Mexico



# Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Passengers  
7 It's used for simmering  
14 Good for farming  
20 Texas wildcat  
21 Huffington of HuffPost  
22 Hooded snakes  
23 Noted WikiLeaks whistleblower [#42]  
25 Potato, yam and rutabaga  
26 Impressionist painter Mary  
27 Toaster waffle brand  
28 Ancestry  
29 Not needing an Rx  
30 Unkempt sort  
33 Swimmer who won six Olympic gold medals [#39]  
35 It has triceps  
38 Radical type  
40 Work units  
41 Author of the Edgar-winning novel "New Orleans Mourning" [#37]  
45 "TRL Top 10" channel  
46 Wig makeup
- 50 Not similar  
51 2014 Olympics host city  
54 Pooh and Roo's creator  
57 Erudite class  
59 Actress called "The Queen of Technicolor" [#40]  
61 The "Y" of YSL  
62 UFO pilots, presumably  
64 Surveyor's map  
65 Caught in a lasso  
66 Whom each of this puzzle's featured women have as a namesake  
70 Like hot stuff  
74 State of mind  
75 Always, to Keats  
76 Dismounted  
80 "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" actress [#35]  
83 Black or red candy  
86 Grow to accept  
87 High-stick billiards shot
- 89 Make sizzling sounds  
90 Stag, e.g.  
91 Nondairy milk source  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey



1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What color was the cord that Rahab hung out of her window? *White, Scarlet, Purple, Black*
3. From 1 Kings 17, who was called the "Tishbite"? *Elijah, Goliath, Job, Samson*
4. Who was the father of John the Baptist? *Uriah, Peter, Zechariah, Amariah*
5. From Acts 14, where was Paul mistaken for Hermes? *Antioch, Perga, Gibeon, Lystra*
6. Who named all the animals on earth? *Adam, Eve, Noah, Moses*

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com)

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Adriatic Sea located?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
3. MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "The Aviator"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: When did the first self-serve grocery store open?
5. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th century author once wrote, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade"?
6. TELEVISION: Frank Costanza was the dad in which 1990s TV comedy show?
7. LITERATURE: Sir Walter Scott wrote novels about which country?
8. ART: What kind of stone did the Renaissance artist Michelangelo like using in his sculptures?
9. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did the "Most Interesting Man in the World" advertise on TV?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What unique sense do butterflies have in their feet?

## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Turkey Shoot.** March 19 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a fundraiser for the Cherokee Middle School girls basketball team to go to the NAYO tournament. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

**Fundraiser for Marchelle “Jabba” Jackson.** March 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is to help with transplant expenses. Shopping, raffles, and lunch by Melitia. Info: 557-1993

**NRBQ NAYO Raffle.** The NRBQ 12-14 NAYO team is raising money to travel to Philadelphia, Miss. In April. One ticket for \$5 or six tickets for \$20. Drawing will be March 24. Chances to win prizes including: Ribbon Skirt by Joi Owle, Painting by Torres Originals, Guided fishing trip with Michael Bradley, Gift basket from Indigenous Boutique & Spa, Tattoo gift certificate from John Henry Gloyne, Mini-photo session with A&M Photography, and a round of golf at Sequoyah National. Info or to purchase tickets: Kyla George 788-4855 or Samantha Hernandez 736-0452

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Yellowhill Community Club activities for March

- Children’s Reading Challenge. March 1-31
  - Gadugi Indoor Flea Market. March 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Plan Children’s Easter Event. March 22
  - March newsletter. March 31.
- Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, Virginia 788-8659

**Upcoming Vaccine Clinics hosted by Tsalagi Public Health**  
- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym.

**Dedication of New EBCI Veterans Memorial Cemetery.** March 29 at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery located in the Wolfstown Community off of Jarrett Blythe Homestead Drive. The public is invited.

**EBCI Garden Kit Giveaways.** April 6 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for EBCI tribal elders only and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for all other EBCI tribal members. April 5 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Snowbird

Senior Center. April 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cherokee County Community Club Pavilion. This giveaway is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians only (must have enrollment card). One garden kit per household. Provided by EBCI Cooperative Extension. Info: 359-6939

### SPORTS EVENTS

**Archery Clinic.** March 26 at the Birdtown Gym. Ages 8-18. You will register for a 30-minute time slot (two youth per time slot) where they will learn first-shot fundamentals and hit a target several times. Certified 4-H Archery coaches will provide instruction. All archery equipment is provided. A \$10 refundable deposit per participant must be paid within 48 hours of signing up to keep time

slot. You will get the deposit back after participating in the clinic. Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936, [sall-dixo@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:sall-dixo@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Western Carolina University Half Marathon and 5K.** April 9 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. The half marathon (13.1 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) will have staggered start times to help reduce crowding. The half marathon will start at 8 a.m. The 5K will start at 8:30 a.m. Early registration fees are \$45 for the half marathon and \$20 for the 5K through March 6. Fees will then increase to \$60 and \$30 through April 8. Race day registration will be available for \$75 and \$40 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at WCU’s Campus Recreation Center. Runners younger than 18 get a \$5

## Puzzles Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Scarlet; 3) Elijah; 4) Zechariah; 5) Lystra; 6) Adam

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

### Answers

1. Between the Italian and Balkan peninsulas
2. 254 centimeters
3. Howard Hughes (by actor Leonardo DiCaprio)
4. 1916, Piggly Wiggly store in Memphis, Tennessee
5. Charles Dickens
6. “Seinfeld”
7. Scotland
8. Marble
9. Dos Equis beer
10. Taste

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

Right  
akatisi

Left  
agasgini

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

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discount on the 5K pricing. Info:  
[www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/](http://www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/)

## 2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

(General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).

Opening Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, March 27

- Registration deadline is Friday, March 25

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Memorial Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, May 28 to Sunday,

May 29

- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament

- Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10

- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament

- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28

- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26


- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resource

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

# Tsalagi MINUTE


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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



## Angel Goodrich

Angel Goodrich, a Cherokee Nation citizen, played three seasons (2013-15) in the WNBA. She played in 83 games in her career scoring a total of 235 points. Goodrich went to Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. where she led her team to four state championship appearances – winning three. She played collegiately at the University of Kansas where she is the school's all-time leader in assists (771).

Source: WNBA, Photo by Danny Karwoski/  
Wikimedia Public Domain image



## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### VA Proposes Changes to Disability Ratings

If you have a Department of Veterans Affairs-rated disability, heads up. They're proposing changes to the schedule for disabilities for auditory, respiratory and mental disorders.

If you receive compensation for one of those service-connected conditions, your rating won't change. The reason for changing the schedule, they say, is to "incorporate modern medical data and terminology" so veterans can receive more accurate and consistent decisions. Ratings will be based on "the most current medical knowledge" for the condition.

Some of the proposed changes are:

— Looking at tinnitus as a symptom of an underlying disease instead of a stand-alone disability.

— Modernizing the rating criteria for sleep apnea and how it impacts earning capacity.

— Evaluating mental-health conditions in terms of interpersonal relationships, life activities, self-care and cognition. It's proposed that the criteria include a 10% minimum and won't require "total occupational and social impairment" to reach 100%.

— No current ratings will change, they say. If they're finalized, veterans can apply for increased compensation. There won't be any reduction in compensation unless there's an improvement in the disability.

If you want to read more, see the Federal Register where the document has to be open for comment for 60 days. Go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search for "FR Doc. 2022-02049" for two of the disorders, and "FR Doc. 2022-02051" for the third one. Be sure to look through the public comments. A vast majority have to do with sleep apnea and its daily life impact, including earnings.

What concerns me at first glance is that there's a lot of removing subparagraphs, combining other disability aspects, renaming headings, adding section notes and reorganizing the various sections. How, one wonders, are the ratings personnel supposed to do a realistic evaluation of impairment? Even ratings clerks who have a lot of experience are going to be starting all over again in learning the system.

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### How to Help Pets Fleeing Ukraine Find Safe Haven

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** The tragic war in Ukraine weighs heavily on my mind, as I'm sure it does for many others. And I wonder every day if the people fleeing are able to take their pets. If so, how can I help both pets and their owners coming from Ukraine? — *Gerry A., Utica, New York*

**DEAR GERRY:** Animal welfare and humanitarian organizations are actively teaming up as I write this, working to find ways to provide food and shelter to the pets that Ukraine's refugees (now over 2 million and counting) brought with them on their perilous journey to the west.

Countries bordering Ukraine — Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia — have temporarily relaxed their restrictions on pets. But many pets need care and foster homes because their owners had to leave them and return to Ukraine to join the fight.

While donations to major organizations like the Humane Society will help, you can make the most impact by donating directly to groups that are at the borders right now, setting up pet shelters and providing medical care to pets as they arrive. Unlike some large groups, which take a significant percentage of donations to cover administrative costs, donating directly to smaller organizations means that a much higher percentage of your dollars go directly to food, shelter and medical care (including vaccinations) for Ukraine's animals as they arrive at the borders.

A Euronews.green article profiles two groups that are on the ground right now. Go to the site and search for "Ukraine's Pet Refugees" to read about them. And the Belgian-based Eurogroup for Animals lists several more groups that are directly helping animals caught in this upheaval. Go to its website and search for "animal protection organisations-ukraine" to learn more.

To check out a registered charity before sending it money, visit [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) to search by name.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from page 29

es Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, <https://fish-cherokee.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee>

- *EBCI Natural Resources Div.*

**Mother's Day 5K. May 7 at Kituwah.** Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m. Register at <https://run-signup.com/mothersday/5k>. \$15 for early registration until March 14; then, it increases to \$20. \$10 registration for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 or email [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

## WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

**Making Silhouette Cards class.** March 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Sponsored by the Valley River Arts Guild, the class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Rock Painting Class.** March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is for ages 6-17. Info: 360-3038

**Painting an Easter Quilt Board class.** March 12 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is open to the public. Info: 360-

3038

**Annual Spring Literary Festival.** March 14-17 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. This 20th annual gathering of poets and authors is free and open to the public, with all talks taking place in the Hinds University Center Theater. Info: WCU's English Dept. 227-7264 or visit [www.litfestival.org](http://www.litfestival.org)

**Swain County Democratic Party Annual Convention.** March 19 at 10 a.m. at the Calhoun House Hotel at 135 Everett St. in Bryson City. Bring a mask for the in-person portion. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. To participate via Zoom, request a link at 488-1234. Info: Luke Hyde 488-1234

**Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting.** March 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include getting more people involved and voting in the primary election. For more information or the Zoom link, email [maryherr2017@gmail.com](mailto:maryherr2017@gmail.com) or call 497-9498

**Introduction to Watercolor Art Class.** March 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center at Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Sponsored by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is suitable for ages 10-17. Info:

360-3038

**Making Pine Needle Baskets class.** April 2 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. This class, hosted by the Valley River Arts Guild, is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Friends of the Greenway Spring Fundraising event (FROG FAIR).** May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main at the Town Bridge in Franklin. Arts and crafts, food, and music. Vendor spaces are available. Info: [frog28734@gmail.com](mailto:frog28734@gmail.com) or [www.littletennessee.org](http://www.littletennessee.org)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Cherokee Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Event listings are FREE of charge.

Send your flyers/info to Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on Facebook.



## Fun Facts from the Editor:

\* Frosted Flakes mascot Tony the Tiger has a wife, son (Tony Jr.) and a daughter (Antoinette) that were used in the first commercials.

\* An eyelash lives about 150-200 days before it falls off.

\* Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10th of a calorie.







Classified listings are FREE of charge for all items under \$25,000. You can message your listings to us on Facebook or email them to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your extraordinary leadership qualities mark you as someone people can turn to for guidance in difficult situations.

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## Employment Opportunities

### Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time\* - Part-Time\* -  
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**Job Description:** The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:  
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550  
angieh@mandaraspa.com



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ymcacampwatia.org/jobs





# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828) 497-9101. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

*The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.*

**Cherokee Boys Club**  
P.O. Box 507  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**Agelink Child Care**  
FT Lead Teacher  
FT School Age Group Leader  
FT Custodian

**Snowbird Child Care**  
FT Lead Teacher

**Children's Home**  
FT Administrative Assistant  
FT Residential Counselor (2)  
PT Residential Counselor (5)

**Bus & Truck**  
PT Truck Driver  
PT School Bus Driver (6)

**Construction & Facilities**  
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

**Service**  
PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-359-6388

### Closing Sunday, March 20, 2022

1. Secretary/Receptionist – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
2. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Travel Counselor – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

### Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
13. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
14. Facilities Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. CDOT Program Manager – Cherokee Department of Transportation – Operations (L14 \$62,918 - \$78,630)
16. Workforce Development Coordinator - TERO (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

**All applications and job descriptions are available at  
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Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### The Oconaluftee Indian Village is now accepting applications for the 2022 season.

We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office (564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum) or found on [Cherokeehistorical.org](http://Cherokeehistorical.org).

Seasonal Positions available: Delegates (Guides, Singers, Lecturers), Artisans (Crafters), Operations staff; Retail, Box Office, Concession, Custodian/Maintenance, and Botanical Trail Maintenance.

Potential Full Time Position: CHA Operations Manager-job description available upon request.

3/16

### Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution is looking for a part-time, temporary contract worker

to provide assistance between both the warehouse and office staff. This position would assist in the warehouse with unloading and storing food shipments, as well as boxing food items to serve participants; and in the office by maintaining and filing paperwork, completing orders, and

answering the phones. This contract worker would also be responsible for the additional CARES Act Additional Food Orders that are being distributed to our participants on a monthly basis, as well as other duties assigned.

We will be accepting all proposals for contract until 4:30 pm on March 25, 2022. Proposals may be submitted to Frank Dunn, Tribal Food Distribution Representative, via email ([fdunn@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:fdunn@ebci-nsn.gov)) or by mail (PO Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719). **3/16**

### Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Theater Manager – Full Time -

Floor Staff - \$10.00/hr

Cleaning Staff - \$12.00 – Full Time

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. **3/23**

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 22-019

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Fay Dora Owle Ludwig**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Sherrene Ludwig Swayney  
PO Box 1196

Cherokee, NC 28719

**3/30**

**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

### Seeking Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's Division of Housing is seeking proposals from interested and qualified general contractors, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to perform Construction Building services on a project specific basis. Specific services shall include all duties, typically expected, of a General Contractor in the building of Professional Homes (3 homes) TURN-KEYED CONSTRUCTED within the Qualla Boundary. Scope of work will include project(s) on tribal land, located in Jackson County.

1. Proposals shall be delivered to the

office of CIDH at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 no later than 4 p.m. on March 30, 2022, at which time, all proposals will be, publicly, opened. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the outside of the envelope clearly marked, "HOUSING GENERAL CONTRACTOR". It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure the bid is received by the deadline. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time will be rejected.

2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe, will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any proposal and to waive

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informalities in said proposal.  
5. A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements, sample contract, and forms, must be obtained at the required site visit on a date TBA.  
6. For technical questions concerning the project specifications, bidding process and general project information, contact Bunsey Crowe, Tribal Housing Production Manager, via email at buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at (828) 788-6785.  
Dated 2-24-22  
Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing  
**3/23**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:**  
**River Film**  
The EBCI Natural Resources Department is requesting proposals from a qualified film maker to create a river film highlighting Cherokee's connection to the Little Tennessee River system. Please contact Mike LaVoie at (828) 359-6113 to receive a detailed copy of the RFP which closes on April 15, 2022.  
**3/30**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION RFP CONTRACT LABOR**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is seeking proposals for laborers to perform maintenance, lawn and cleaning tasks on an as needed basis. CIHD anticipates the need of two to four workers on an hourly basis as determined by CIHD. Interested sub-contractors or individuals with experience in cleaning, lawn maintenance and rehab experience can submit a brief synopsis of relevant experience. Interested parties will need to provide a price per hour. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Carroll Crowe, Property Manager. The envelope should have CIHD Labor on the upper left corner of the envelope. Proposals

can be dropped off at the CIHD Main Office during normal business hours or mailed to P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719. Deadline for submitting proposals will be March 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM. **3/16**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION RFP FOR STORAGE BUILDINGS AND METAL CARPORT**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking sealed bids for the purchase and removal of one storage shed size (8 ft by 20ft). All sealed bids will need to be turned into the Housing office at 687 Acquoni Road and submitted to Bunsey Crowe in a sealed envelope by 4/8/2022 by close of business. No email bids will be accepted. Please contact Bunsey Crowe (828-788-6785) at the housing office for bid package for building or any additional information. If bidder needs a site visit to building, please contact Bunsey Crowe. Bids will be as follows  
Building #1\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Winning bidder will have 30 days to remove building once Bidder has been contacted from Housing. If not removed Bidder will forfeit building back to Housing to rebid to public or at Housings discretion next bidder may be contacted.  
Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, 687 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719 (828-788-6785)  
**3/23**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Tribal Rehab & Healthy Homes Sub Contractors Wanted**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) has received a Healthy Homes Grant through HUD to provide rehab services for enrolled

members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. CIHD is seeking qualified sub-contractors to perform rehab services that may include roof replacement, wiring, plumbing, flooring, drywall, etc... Average jobs under this grant are anticipated at \$20,000 to \$30,000 per job. CIHD is anticipating 40 jobs for FY2022. All interested sub-contracts should submit company name and a brief summary of work experience. Notice of interest should be mailed to Robert Welch at PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 or email to robbwelc@ebci-nsn.gov or joanbrad@ebci-nsn.gov. Please indicate on the envelope, upper left, or email: "Healthy Home Grant Subs". All sub-contractors will also be added to the CIHD sub-contractor list for Tribal Rehab. Jobs under this program range from \$4,500 to \$10,000. CIHD averages 40 to 50 jobs per year under this program. Deadline for submissions will be March 30, 2022. **3/23**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Miller Branch Unit 90 Scope of Work**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division seeks qualified sub-contractor to repair interior water damage, pressure wash house and porch, paint house and stain deck and porches at 90 Miller Branch Rd. Contact Carroll Crowe (828) 359-6322 for RFP and to schedule site visit. Closing date to submit proposals will be March 30, 2022. Submit proposal in sealed envelope with Unit 92 in the upper left hand corner. Proposals can be mailed to PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 or dropped off at the main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Address all correspondence to Carroll Crowe.**3/23**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN**

**HOUSING DIVISION Miller Branch Unit 92 Scope of Work**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division seeks qualified sub-contractor to pressure wash house and porch at 92 Miller Branch Rd. Sub-contractor will also be responsible for staining porch deck and stairs. Contact Carroll Crowe (828) 359-6322 for RFP and to schedule site visit. Closing date to submit proposals will be March 30, 2022. Submit proposal in sealed envelope with Unit 92 in the upper left hand corner. Proposals can be mailed to PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 or dropped off at the main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Address all correspondence to Carroll Crowe.**3/23**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION 15 Teesateskie Drive Tree Removal RFP**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from competent firms for the removal of a dangerous tree located at our Blackberry Ridge property located at 15 Teesateskie Drive off of Fisher Branch Road in the Birdtown Community. Tree is located 30 feet from Duke Energy powerlines across from Unit F. Limbs can be disposed of at the Tribal Compost yard off of Olivet Road. Wood is to be delivered to EBCI wood lot at Drowning Bear Lane by EBCI Forestry. Deliver proposals in a sealed envelope to Carroll Crowe at PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 or proposals can be delivered to CIHD main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. To schedule a site visit contact Carroll Crowe at (828) 359-6322. Proposals will be accept until 4:00 PM March 30, 2022. **3/23**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN**

**HOUSING DIVISION  
Tree Removal RFP  
879 Big Cove Road**

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from competent firms for the removal of a dangerous trees (10) located at our Piney Grove Apartment Complex located at 879 Big Cove Road in the Yellowhill Community. Limbs can be disposed of at the Tribal Compost yard off of Olivet Road. Wood is to be delivered to to EBCI wood lot at Drowning Bear Lane by EBCI Forestry. Deliver proposals in a sealed envelope to Carrol Crowe at PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 or proposals can be delivered to CIHD main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. To schedule a site visit contact Carroll Crowe at (828) 359-6322. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 PM March 30, 2022. **3/23**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF  
WATER QUALITY  
STANDARDS**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Water Quality Office will hold a Public Meeting on **THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 2022**  
**1 PM – 3 PM** at  
Cherokee County Tribal Community Club Building

302 Airport Rd., Marble, NC 28905  
The purpose of this meeting is an opportunity for the public to receive information and provide comments on the Triennial Review of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water Quality Standards, which have been revised to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s suggested modifications to the Water Quality Criteria for Specific Uses, Source Water Protection, and Cherokee County Stream Classification Use. These revisions are in compliance

with the Clean Water Act Sections 303 and 518 (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341) and Tribal Law.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on (<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/contact-us/>). A copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available online at (<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/>). A hard copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available for viewing at EBCI Water Quality Laboratory, 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours.

Questions about the revised Water Quality Standards should be directed to the Water Quality Section Supervisor, Michael Bolt by phone at (828) 359-6772 or email [michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov). Closure of the Meeting Record The meeting record will close as

of midnight, Thursday May 12th, 2022. Written comments need not be notarized but must be post-marked before midnight and mailed to:  
Michael Bolt  
Water Quality Section Supervisor  
EBCI 106 Water Quality Office  
PO Box 1925  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**5/4**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOUSING DIVISION  
REQUEST FOR:  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR:  
ASBESTOS ASSESSMENTS &  
ABATEMENTS  
March 11, 2022**

**PURPOSE:**  
The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the service of assessing and

abatement of single-family homes for asbestos and any hazardous materials.  
The service will be for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Contracts will be awarded based on per-project basis and competitive pricing and reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Proposal packets can be picked up at the housing office at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFQ is Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, (828) 359-6903 or email at [buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov).  
Dated: March 11, 2022  
Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Mgr.  
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- \* Dependent Care Expenses
- \* Home Care Meal-Related Deduction - \$250

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1-	\$1,251
2-	\$1,629
3-	\$2,007
4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
6-	\$3,211
7-	\$3,590
8-	\$3,968

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***EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.***  
***Thanks from the TFDP Staff.***



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering  
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room  
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2 Positions)  
AP Processor – PRC  
Behavioral Health Assistant Director - Analenisgi  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi PTI  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi Inpatient  
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi PTRWB  
Behavioral Health RN - Kanvwotiyi  
Billing Technician II  
Case Management Support – Primary Care  
Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - Kanvwotiyi  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Pediatrics  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care (3 positions)  
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
Clinical Dietitian (2 Positions)  
Dental Assistant II (3 Positons)  
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PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient  
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient  
Registered Nurse – Inpatient (3 positions)  
Registered Nurse – Emergency Room  
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Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
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**10) General Carpentry**

**11) Siding**

**12) Decks**

**13) Excavation**

**14) Tree removal**

**15) Project Management**

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